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NCBWA ANNOUNCES 2002 ALL-AMERICA TEAMS

TUSCALOOSA, Ala.—The 14th annual National Collegiate Baseball Writers All-America team, released Tuesday by the NCBWA, indicates the top-notch abilities of student-athletes throughout the nation in NCAA Division I baseball.

On the week of the 56th NCAA World Series in Omaha, the All-America contingent is a dream team that could make any coach or program proud. From these ranks will come the winner of the Dick Howser Trophy, presented in Omaha this Friday at 9:30 a.m. CDT to the most outstanding Division I diamond man in the nation by Verizon/The St. Petersburg Area Chamber of Commerce and the NCBWA (voting entity for the award).

There are 12 standouts who are among the eight teams in the June 14-22 College World Series at Rosenblatt Stadium and six returnees from the 2001 first, second or third units selected by the 200-plus voting members of the NCBWA for 2002.

Nine NCBWA mainstays from the District Players of the Year for Division I all landed places on the first three units as the 2002 team is one of the youngest contingents in the history (1989-02) of the selections.

First baseman Vincent Sinisi is a redshirt freshman with .432 hitting credentials (11th nationally in batting average) while Southern University stalwart Rickie Weeks led the nation in hitting with a .495 average, 20 home runs and 96 RBI as he posted Davey Johnson-like numbers as the first team second baseman.

The four starting pitchers (three sophomores and a junior) on the initial unit had a combined record of 53-8 with 509 strikeouts in 494-plus innings and include the nation's first choice in the 2002 Major League Draft—Ball State righthander Bryan Bullington. Relief aces senior Blake Taylor of South Carolina and junior Royce Ring of San Diego State combined for 38 saves prior to the 2002 CWS.

The left side of the infield, though, is the envy of any college coach. 2002 Dick Howser Trophy finalist senior SS Khalil Greene is third nationally with a .480 batting average for Coach Jack Leggett's World Series-bound Clemson Tigers along with 26 home runs and 86 RBI. Teammate 3B Jeff Baker briefly eclipsed the Clemson season record for home runs with 25 before Greene topped that in a subsequent NCAA Super Regional game against Arkansas and sports 82 RBI for one of the nation's top 1-2 hitting punches at any pair of positions.

Catcher Jed Morris powered Nebraska to its second consecutive appearance at Rosenblatt Stadium in the nationals at Omaha, Neb., with a Big 12 Conference-high 21 homers and 84 RBI while New Mexico State OF Ryan Kenning paced the Aggies to their first-ever NCAA appearance in 2002 with 24 dingers and 96 RBI. Notre Dame's speed merchant Steve Stanley helped the Fighting Irish make their first trek to the NCAA World Series since 1957 with a solid series in the Super Regional at Florida State and carries a .445 average with 31 stolen bases through games of June 10. DH-utility athlete John McCurdy of Maryland posted numbers (.443-19 HR-77 RBI) that kept the Terrapins in contention for a postseason berth for most of the season.

While the three All-America teams have a solid flair from the state of South Carolina (four Clemson standouts, two from South Carolina, and one each from Coastal Carolina and College of Charleston), there are a total of 34 teams from nine Division I conferences represented on the 2002 lists.

Previous first teamers on the NCBWA All-America contingents since '89 have included Georgia Tech catcher Jason Varitek, Clemson pitcher Kris Benson, Texas P-DH-1B Brooks Kieschnick, LSU second baseman Todd Walker, Cal State Fullerton OF Mark Kotsay, Southern California pitcher Mark Prior, Wichita State pitcher Braden Looper, Stanford catch A.J. Hinch, and Old Dominion shortstop Tim Hummel, among others.

DICK HOWSER TROPHY announcement and presentation

- **9:30 a.m. (CDT), Friday, June 14, 2002**

- **2nd Floor Atrium – Courtyard by Marriott, 10th and Dodge Sts., Omaha (ph: 402-346-2200)**

2002 NCBWA ALL-AMERICA TEAMS

FIRST TEAM

Pos. Name, School	Class	BA	AB	R	H	HR	RBI
1B Vincent Sinisi, Rice	Fr.	.432	264	65	114	11	80
2B Rickie Weeks, Southern U.	So.	.495	198	63	98	20	96
3B Jeff Baker, Clemson	Jr.	.335	248	63	83	25	82
SS Khalil Greene, Clemson	Sr.	.480	269	90	129	26	86
C Jed Morris, Nebraska	Jr.	.380	263	68	100	21	84
OF Ryan Kenning, New Mexico St.	Sr.	.319	242	66	77	24	96
OF Steve Stanley, Notre Dame-31 SB	Jr.	.445	245	72	109	1	35
OF Vito Chiaravalloti, Richmond	Jr.	.366	238	69	85	23	86
UT/ATH John McCurdy, Maryland	Jr.	.443	221	67	98	19	77

Pitchers

Pos. Name School	Cl.	W-L	ERA	G	IP	H	BB	SO	SV
SP Bryan Bullington, Ball St	Jr.	11-3	2.84	15	104.2	88	18	139	0
SP Brad Sullivan, Houston	So.	13-1	1.82	18	128.1	80	49	157	0
SP Tim Stauffer, Richmond	So.	15-3	1.54	20	146	110	34	140	0
SP Justin Simmons, Texas	So.	14-1	2.52	18	114.1	93	35	73	0
RP Royce Ring, San Diego St.	Jr.	5-1	1.85	36	39	29	13	54	17
RP Blake Taylor, So. Carolina	Sr.	6-1	2.03	34	80	66	39	73	21

SECOND TEAM

Pos. Name, School	Class	BA	AB	R	H	HR	RBI
1B Nate Gold, Gonzaga	Sr.	.333	228	59	76	33	76
2B James Jurries, Tulane	Sr.	.408	235	77	96	20	74
3B Tom Merkle, New York Tech	Jr.	.430	186	48	80	20	68
SS Mark Kiger, Florida	Sr.	.403	258	90	104	11	55
C David Castillo, Oral Roberts	So.	.398	226	59	90	14	79
OF Ryan Goleski, Eastern Michigan	So.	.381	218	62	83	22	70
OF Brian Wright, N.C. State	Sr.	.418	232	72	97	14	73
OF Terry Trofholz, TCU	Jr.	.441	213	51	94	3	40
UT/ATH Ryan Barthelemy, Fla. State	Sr.	.362	293	76	106	17	94
(tie) UT/ATH Jesse Crain, Houston	Jr.	.309	262	51	81	11	47

Crain Pitching Stats: 4-0, 0.23 ERA, 27 G, 38.1 IP, 22 H, 10 BB, 46 SO, 10 SV

Pitchers

Pos. Name School	Cl.	W-L	ERA	G	IP	H	BB	SO	SV
SP Steve Reba, Clemson	Sr.	13-3	4.06	18	106.1	112	41	78	0
SP Alex Hart, Florida	Jr.	13-3	3.24	17	111	81	56	81	0
SP Jeremy Guthrie, Stanford	Jr.	12-1	2.34	18	142.1	121	32	125	0
SP Kyle Sleeth, Wake Forest	So.	14-0	2.97	18	118.1	115	41	113	0
RP Randy Corn, The Citadel	Sr.	1-0	1.37	39	59	33	16	76	13
RP Dave Bush, Wake Forest	Sr.	8-1	1.64	40	60.1	47	10	61	13

THIRD TEAM

<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Name, School</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>BA</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>RBI</u>
1B	Yaron Peters, South Carolina	Sr.	.398	256	79	102	28	92
2B	Corey Loomis, Bowling Green	Jr.	.404	193	61	73	13	52
3B	Lee Curtis, Coll. of Charleston	Jr.	.409	225	67	92	15	65
SS	Russ Adams, North Carolina	Jr.-45 SB	.370	254	75	94	7	55
(tie)	C Jeremy Brown, Alabama	Jr.	.320	219	56	70	11	64
C	Chris Snyder, Houston	Jr.	.343	230	59	79	15	71
OF	Justin Owens, Coastal Carolina	Sr.	.417	211	60	88	11	58
OF	Mark Jurich, Louisville	So.	.365	203	47	74	16	60
(tie)	OF Wes Reohr, Penn State	Sr.	.393	191	49	75	9	38
OF	Sam Fuld, Stanford	So.	.372	274	61	102	6	43
OF	Dustin Majewski, Texas	Jr.	.403	196	35	79	9	45
OF	Adam Bourassa, Wake Forest	Jr.-26 SB	.412	250	71	103	2	41
UT/ATH	Darryl Lawhorn, E. Carolina	Fr.	.419	234	52	98	17	61
(tie)								
UT/ATH	Bob Malek, Michigan State	Jr.	.402	219	66	88	16	66

Pitchers

<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Cl.</u>	<u>W-L</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>SV</u>
SP	Lance Cormier,	Alabama	Sr.	11-3	3.28	17	129	135	27	85	0
SP	Matt Henrie,	Clemson	Jr.	12-4	3.04	18	106.2	106	24	80	0
SP	Scooter Michael,	UNCGreen	So.	12-1	2.76	27	100.1	93	21	86	3
SP	Philip Humber,	Rice	Fr.	11-1	2.67	17	108	86	40	128	0
(tie)											
SP	Kyle Bakker,	Georgia Tech	So.	12-2	3.34	18	126.2	126	23	106	0
SP	Paul Maholm,	MS State	So.	10-3	3.43	14	102.1	103	33	77	0
SP	Shane Komine,	Nebraska	Sr.	10-0	1.87	14	91.1	56	22	108	0
RP	Taylor Tankersley,	Alabama	Fr.	8-5	2.62	25	68.2	55	20	65	7
RP	James Russell,	Villanova	Jr.	1-3	2.33	22	27	25	8	35	15

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